

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

No claims have been amended. Claims 1-30, 37-38, 47 and 54-57 were cancelled without prejudice. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 31-36, 39-46, 48-53 and 58-60 are presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1-36, 39-41, 44-46, 48-51 and 58-60 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated over Rajasekharan, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,480,961 (“Rajasekharan”), in view of Xie, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,606,393 (“Xie”).

Claim 1 recites:

A method for validating a data stream comprising:
generating a unique validation key associated with the data stream, the unique validation key to map the data stream with a source, wherein the unique validation key is generated based on a combination of a uniform resource locator (URL) and an encryption key;
generating the data stream;
storing the unique validation key;
embedding the unique validation key in the data stream to form a validation key embedded data stream; and
sending the validation key embedded data stream to a destination.
(emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner’s characterization of the references. For example, Rajasekharan discloses “a method for *secure streaming of digital audio/visual content*. Secure streaming provides *protection against unauthorized use* of digital content.” (Abstract; emphasis added) Rajasekharan further discloses that the method “checks [a] digital signature, or other source indicator, in the authorization data *to determine whether the authorization data is received from an authorized source*.”

The digital signature can be, for example, either a Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA) signature . . . or a Rivest Shamir Adleman (RSA) algorithm.” (col. 4, lines 28-33; emphasis added)

Xie discloses “a *message authentication* code (“MAC”) that is attached to digital content.” (col. 1, lines 27-29; emphasis added) Watermarking is an example of a MAC system. A watermark is “*embedded in the media stream*, so that removal of the watermark may destroy or visibly alter the underlying content.” (col. 1, lines 32-38; emphasis added)

In contrast, claim 31, in pertinent part, recites that “the unique validation key is generated based on a **combination** of a uniform resource locator (URL) and an encryption key.” (emphasis provided) Applicants submit that Rajasekharan, Xie and Abulhayogu neither individually, nor when combined, in any combination teach or reasonably suggest such a feature. Rajasekharan discloses that a digital signature *can be* a DSA or RSA signature (col. 4, lines 28-33); however, nowhere does Rajasekharan teach or reasonably suggest that a “unique validation key is generated based on . . . an encryption key” as recited by claim 1. (emphasis added) Stated differently, a digital signature *being* an DSA or RSA signature is not the same as a unique key being *generated based on* an encryption key. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection to claim 31 and its dependent claims.

Claims 39, 44, 49 and 58 contain limitations similar to those of claims 31. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 39, 44, 49 and 58 and their dependent claims.

Claims 42-43, 52-53 and 55-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rajasekharan in view of Xie further in view of Willis, Jr. et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,738,815 (“Willis”).

Claims 42-43, 52-53 and 55-56 depend from one of independent claims 39 and 49 and thus include all the limitations of the corresponding base claim. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 42-43, 52-53 and 55-56.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

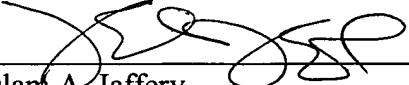
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